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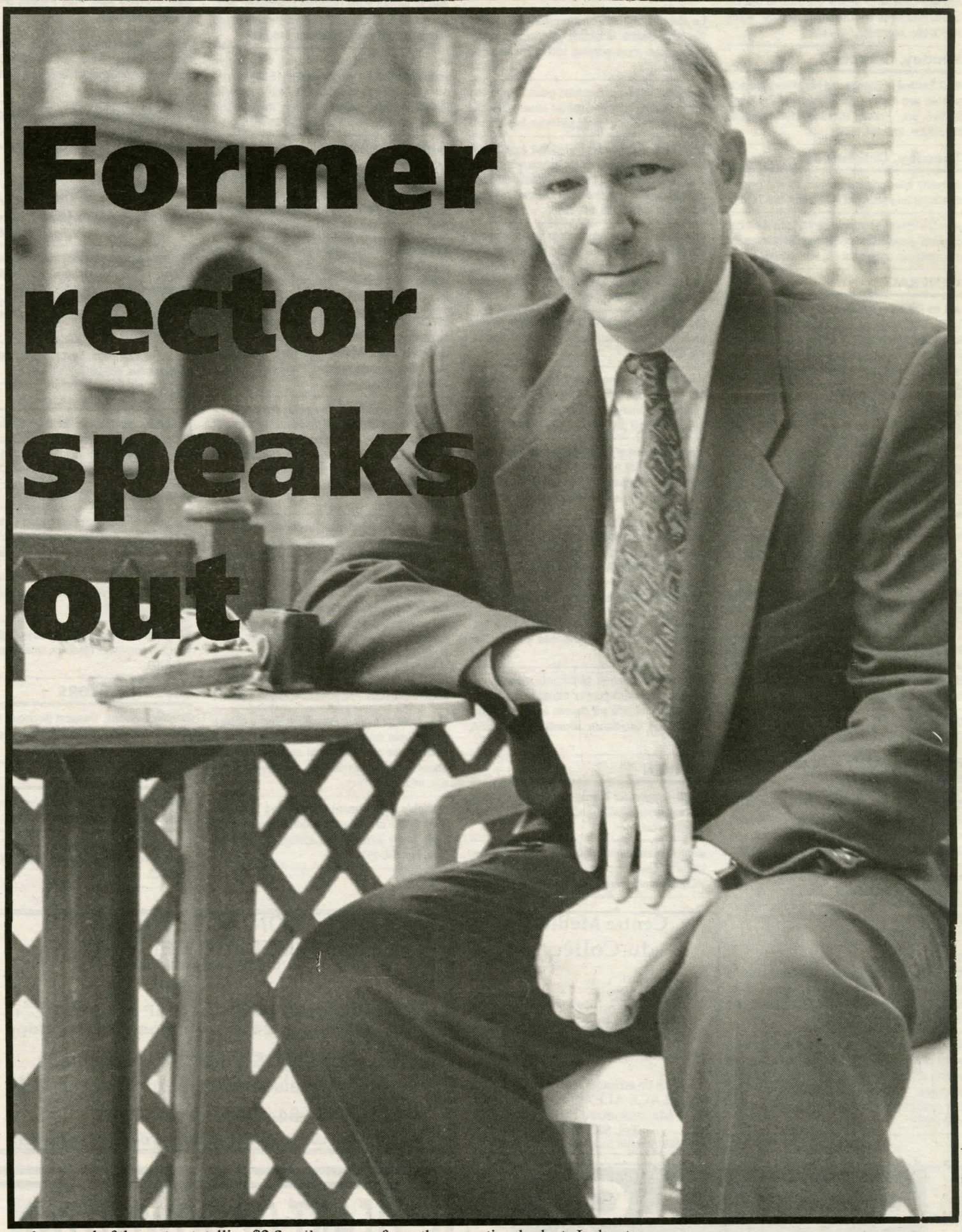

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by Jennifer Ditchburn

Patrick Kenniff doesn't seem uncomfortable sipping coffee three blocks away from the university that squeezed him out of office this Spring. The former Concordia rector and vice-chancellor, who skipped from the pages of the Gazette to the Globe and Mail to Saturday Night, admits to having spent most of the summer relaxing and recuperating from the tumultuous events that rocked Concordia.

This May Kenniff was one of the casualties of the reshifting of Concordia's administration. In the wake of the publication of the Cowan and Arthurs reports, which scrutinized the administration's role in the Fabrikant affair, three major administrators left the university, leaving only vice-rector Charles Bertrand in the driving seat.

Kenniff says he has "turned the page" on the Concordia chapter of his life, but the new administration did not follow suit.

This week Kenniff sent an open letter to the university's three principal newspapers, criticizing interim rector Charles Bertrand for what he calls "an intended attack on my integrity." (See letter page 10)

The "attack" came in the form of a memo from Bertrand, stating that he had "discovered" two discretionary accounts under the sole control of the rector, totalling $2.2. million dollars.

Bertrand added that he would, in cooperation with the executive of the board of directors, conduct an investigation of past expenditures.

"Since I believe it is wrong for any individual to have absolute control over any "discretionary" accounts, and since the past expenditures from these accounts should have come from the operating budget, I plan to work...to determine how to close these two discretionary accounts," Bertrand wrote.

These comments that drew Kenniff back into the fray.

"I'm not interested in stirring the pot, but I found that this was an attack against my integrity that was uncalled for," Kenniff said.

According to him, Bertrand could not have "discovered" these accounts because he had already known about them for years. Kenniff cites two occasions when Charles Bertrand himself was granted money from the accounts.

Once, in 1988 as dean of Arts and Science, Bertrand received money from the fund to help finance a trip to help establish links with a university in China. And later, Kenniff says the office of the rector gave Bertrand, as vice-

AGENDA

The Agenda is a free service to publicize events of interest to the Concordia community. Priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info at our office, room H-649 in the Hall building, or mail it, to *the Link*–Agenda. Deadlines are 4pm, Friday for Tuesday issues, and 4 pm Wednesday for Friday issues.

Friday, September 30

Haiti: Remember it with Love, an exhibit of documentation, photos & videos to better inform students and others about the realities of Haiti. Info: Ralliement des Etudiants, 848-7452, 383-2452. H-734 (the old Reggie's), 2:30 to 8 pm.

Student Caucus of Senate will meet to discuss issues related to the University Senate. 4 pm, H-773. Info: Alexandra, 848-7474.

Sunday, October 2

NDG Festival of Friends and Neighbours presents a Music and Poetry Recital featuring local talent. 2:30–5 pm, Fraser Hickson Library, 4855 Kensington. Info: 484-1471.

Tuesday, October 3

Amnesty International will host its first general meeting of the year. 6 pm, P-203. Info: 848-7410.

¡Fiesta Cultura!, sponsored by the Latin American Students' Association on the Hall Mezannine. All day, continues on October 4th. Info: 848-3532.

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Aid for Rwandan Refugees is still being collected by the YWCA. Money and first aid supplies(blankets, sterilized gauze, bandages, hand soap etc.) are desperately needed to assist refugee women and their families. Info: 866-9941, ext. 293.

Want to talk? We can help you with your personal, educational and vocational concerns. Confidentiality is ensured. Counselling and Development: 848-3545, 3555.

Birth Control Workshops to explore options for men and women. Mondays at 12 noon, 2155 Guy, Rm. 407; Wednesdays at 12:30, AD-121. To register, call 848-3565.

Volunteers needed to provide recreation activities and tutoring for Inner City Youth Project. Serious applicants only. Info: 848-7945.

International Socialists Students Association meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm, in H-771. Join our weekly political discussions. Info: 521-1983.

Head and Hands, a non-profit community health and social service centre, needs volunteers to tutor highschool students in French, English, Math etc. Info: Bruce, 481-0277, 481-3643.

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Sign up now for workshops on communication skills, career & life planning, building relationships, study skills, loss and grieving support groups etc. Info: Counselling & Development, 848-3545/3555.

Czesc!!! Polish students' association is looking for new members. Info: Joanna, 486-5179.

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Sign-language courses offered at the Montreal Deaf Community Centre. Classes start in September. Placement tests are required. 65 de Castelnau. Information: TTY: 279-8535 or Bell Relay: 1-800-855-0511.

Compeer Montreal, a non-profit community service which provides friendship and support services to people with mental health problems, is recruiting volunteers 18 years or older to provide re-integration services to persons with mental illnesses. Info: 489-1007.

Meditation: A Tool For Self-Knowledge. These sessions, sponsored by Campus Ministry, will draw upon various traditions and each will include a "quiet sitting." Info: Daryl Ross, 848-3585.

Tel-Aide needs volunteers to staff its telephone crisis line for people in distress. The line operates 24 hours a day, lending a sympathetic ear to Montrealers who are lonely, abused, out of work, emotionally scarred or suicidal. Info: 935-1105.

Prison Visit Program: An eight-week program each semester, in which students visit inmates at Bordeaux Prison. Volunteers must meet with one of the chaplains ahead of time. Info: Peter Coté, 848-3590.

Political Science Students interested in career opportunities or recreational events should call the PSSA, Annex D, 848-7409.

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Le Mercaz, the Jewish Community Physical Resource Centre, is looking for energetic volunteers to learn about recycling. Info: Wilma Magonet, 344-8845.

Building Bridges: a discussion group for men and women on sexuality and gender issues. Gay and lesbian positive. Info: Daryl Lynn Ross, 848-3585.

Multi-Faith dialogue brings together members of the University community for a *brown-bag* lunch discussion designed to promote understanding and dialogue between members of different religious faiths. Info: Matti Terho, 848-3590.

Shalom Line needs volunteers to staff a volunteer phone line. The service is staffed by trained volunteers who participate in a seven-week training course. Orientation meeting: Oct. 4. Info: Susan Herscovitch, 735-3541, ext. 3380.

Brasilian students interested in forming a student association, call Edna, Prado: 845-9322 or Adriana: 735-0133

Ham Radio Meetings every Tuesday. Personal two-way radio, television, UHF/VHF, satellite and computer communications by ham radio. All Welcome. 7 to 9 pm, H-644-1. Info: 848-7474.

Weekend Meals at Benedict Labre House, a hospitality centre for poor and homeless people in Montreal. Volunteers will help prepare and serve one meal there each weekend. Info: Peter Coté, 848-3586.

The NDG Anti-Poverty Group needs computer donations (286 mg. or better) and donations of office equipment & supplies as well as knick knacks, clothing, dishes, books etc. for our upcoming fund-raising flea market. Info: 489-3548.

Low-income Students Network will explore strategies and resources for low-income students. Info: 848-2859.

Outreach Experience: participants will work with children, teens, the poor or the sick. The activity and amount of time will depend on your interests and abilities. Information: Michelina Bertone SSA, 848-3591.

WOMEN

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Concordia Women's Centre provides a lounge area for women in the University Community, referral and support, information and community notice boards. 2020 Mackay, downstairs. 848-7431.

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YWCA's Active Listening and Referral Service needs volunteers to lend an empathetic ear to women in need. Fridays 10 am to 6 pm. Fifteen hour training course required. Info: Lynda Tétrault, 866-9941, ext. 293.

HIV/AIDS Education & Prevention Workshops for women focus on HIV/AIDS, sexuality and self esteem. Emphasis on empowerment and promotion of positive behaviour changes. Every Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 3 pm, until October. Centre for AIDS Services of Montreal (Women). Free. Info: Rila, 954.0170.

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CLSC metro: Support Group for women living in abusive situations. Info: 934-0354, Angela Idelson.

The Montréal Assault Prevention Centre offers a self-defense course called ACTION for women. Each course provides verbal and physical techniques to help women deal with any type of aggression. Info: 284-1212.

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GENERAL

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Discretionary account in dispute

by Jennifer Ditchburn

Eliminating discretionary accounts under the office of the rector would be a big mistake, according to former Concordia rector Patrick Kenniff.

Kenniff responded this week to a memo sent by interim rector Charles Bertrand, who is presently looking into how to close these accounts totalling $2.2 million.

"Eliminating the discretionary account will really emasculate the postition of the rector in terms of Concordia's competitiveness vis a vis other universities," Kenniff said.

According to Jean-Paul Lauly, Concordia's treasurer, the account has existed since 1977. The funds in the account are interest savings from unused research money carried over from year to year—now at around $10 million, he said.

The rector's discretionary account is used for funding special activities and projects which are not included in the university's annual operating budget.

Other universities, such as Bishops and McGill also have accounts which are at the disposal of the rector or principal of their institution.

Elizabeth Morey, former director of special projects at the office of the rector, said that discretionary funds are important in any university environment.

"There are no particular funds set aside for new initiatives without the discretionary account," Morey said. "If you don't have this you have no leeway, which is imperative with the changing student body and needs."

In the past five years some of the projects which were funded through the account include:

-establishing the Council on Native Education

-sending model UN student delegates to Harvard University and Poland

-paying for the memorial service surrounding the deaths of the four engineering professors in 1992

-funding for a trip made by dean of Arts and Science Gail Valaskakis to establish ties with a black university in South Africa

-sending students to support the university basketball team during championships in Ottawa

But by far the biggest expenditure on a yearly basis were funds transferred to CASA, the Concordia Aid to Scholarly Activities, which typically could total up to $400,000 a year in contributions. Through this project, academic activities such as bringing in guest lecturers, helping print articles and publications, and supporting research initiatives are given financial support.

Kenniff explains his reasoning for using the discretionary accounts.

"Part of the leadership role of the rector is not only to talk about innovation but to be able in a small way to show initiative," he said.

Bertrand, in his memo to the university, said it was "wrong" for "any individual to have control over "discretionary" accounts," and will be conducting an investigation into expenditures.

But, although he has proposed to close down the discretionary accounts, he has already transferred $350,000 of it to CASA, and an additional $60,000 to a research project.

Hugh Brodie, former executive assistant to Kenniff and present coordinator at the Centre of Cooperative Education, says that all approved projects required a degree of university support, a budget, and subsequent documentation.

"He [Bertrand] implied in his memo that there was some misuse of funds," Brodie said. "I resent that because I made sure it was done properly. I was really proud of some of our projects."

Both Brodie and Kenniff said they would like Bertrand to make public a list of every expenditure made from the accounts.

Kenniff further condemned Bertrand for trying to push through the closure while only fulfilling interim duties.

"When you have somebody working on an interim basis he or she should normally refrain from making decisions that will have a long term effect," Kenniff said. "Otherwise he could be mortgaging the future and depriving his sucessor."

Charles Bertrand was unavailable for comment. His executive assistant Garry Milton did not return the Link's calls, and vice-rector of Institutional Relations and Affairs Harold Proppe, who is helping Bertrand examine the accounts, said he had no comment at this time.

Interview with a former rector

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rector Finance, $25,000 to help study the possibility of more student residence space.

The discretionary accounts were formed from interest gained on unused research money carried over from year to year. The money helped fund special projects and activities, such as the memorial service for the victims of the August 1992 shootings, and sending student delegates to model UN conferences.

Kenniff said he would be pleased if Bertrand would publish the results of the investigation into the account, including a complete list of all expenditures made since its inception.

"These funds were constituted perfectly legally despite the insinuations of Dr. Bertrand's letter, and were constituted before my tenure as rector," Kenniff said. "This was not money that was being turned away from its proper purpose. It was used for initiatives that couldn't be supported through the operating budget."

"If this is an attempt to enhance an image it's a very shoddy way to go about it," Kenniff said. "How you leave a mark is what you do, not what negative things you say about others."

"I would have hoped that Bertrand would get on with the business of managing the university instead of trying to do whatever he's trying to do. I simply couldn't let that type of thing go by unanswered." (See article page 3)

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Kenniff's resignation at the end of last semester was surrounded by confusion and a flurry of media hype. Two reports were commissioned by the university to look into the details surrounding the murder of four professors at the hands of Valery Fabrikant in 1992. The Cowan report in particular cited inefficiencies in Concordia's administration which may have aggravated the situation.

It was at this point that, in Kenniff's words, the senior management started to "chop heads" and "show in a spectacular fashion that they're cleaning the place out."

"When you have reports that say negative things...you have the choice of blaming people, pointing fingers and burning people on the altar of public opinion," Kenniff said. "Or you can come up with policy recommendations and make changes in due course if they're needed. They chose the first route."

In May, Kenniff submitted a proposal to chairman Reginald Groome, outlining what he calls a "smooth transition" after his departure. Two weeks later Kenniff says he was "the object of an attempt of dubious legality", by four Board members to have him fired. He says that within 24 hours, his lawyers served Groome legal papers, which led to further negotiations and finally Kenniff's resignation.

"Honour was absent from the way in which the situation was handled," he said.

Looking in from the outside, Kenniff says the university will face difficult times ahead. He says it was a mistake to leave so many administrative positions open at once. At present there are five vacated positions, including vice-rectors academic, institutional affairs and finance, and that of rector/vice-chancellor.

"Some people should be concerned that they're going to choose a rector and three of his or her colleagues at the same time. If I was thinking of becoming a rector, and had not input into who were the vice-rectors, I'd hesitate to take the job."

Kenniff thinks Groome should have waited until a new rector was found before pushing him out, to avoid a "hothouse atmosphere."

"Afterall, this year the search committee and the Board will make decisions that will affect the university if not for five years then for ten," Kenniff added. "Choosing a rector is a window of opportunity for a rector and if you blow it you're blowing it for a long time."

Last year's Orientation budget overlooked by CSU execs

by Paul Hainsworth

Concordia Student Union executives had access to expenditure information from last year's orientation week, but didn't use it to prepare this year's budget.

A budget for Orientation '93 was approved by council last year and is available to all students in the minutes of the council meetings.

CSU president Marika Giles and Orientation coordinator James Edwards admitted they did not go through last year's minutes to find the Orientation '93 budget to use for reference this year.

An informal student council meeting last week revealed that with no Orientation budget in place, the final bill for the events rose unchecked to about $40,000.

Michelle Soso, chair of the Orientation committee and VP Services in for 1993, complied a report of recommendations and proposals and sent copies to Giles, Grimes, Edwards and this year's Orientation committee this Spring.

The memo consisted of suggestions of "things that worked last year, and things that didn't work," she said.

"It was a proposal of how to get started on Orientation and what things to do."

Neither Giles nor Edwards remembered receiving the document.

Edwards was not aware of the existence of a final budget for last year's Orientation or of Soso's recommendations.

"I never saw an approved budget, and I never received a final report from Soso," he said.

Edwards acknowledged that establishing a budget was important and part of his responsibilities, but said, "A lot of other stuff was happening and I wasn't on top of everything."

Lana Grimes, student union co-president during last year's Orientation, confirmed that Soso had sent copies of the report to council and to members of the Orientation committee.

Grimes pointed out that no financial report for last year's Orientation had been compiled, making it difficult to know exactly how much the final bill was.

"Raw information was available to this year's government," Grimes said. "What they didn't have was a polished report."

Grimes said that all receipts for last year's Orientation are available in the bookkeeper's office.

She added that no financial report was put together because, "There was no demand from council for a financial report."

The student union has organized a task force of Orientation staff and volunteers to write up a report in order to facilitate next year's Orientation week and avoid mistakes that occurred this year. The report, along with a full financial report, will be brought to council for approval in two weeks.

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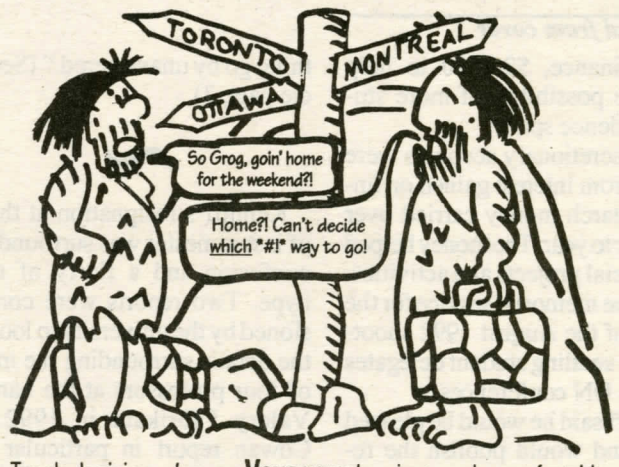

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Towards a lasting peace in Ireland

by Jennifer Dales

Metal gates still barricade the front of pubs in Catholic Belfast, protecting them against loyalist paramilitary bombers. But their dismantlement may not be so far off as a tenuous peace between the IRA and the Ulster army forces continues to hold. Catholics and Protestants have been fighting each other in Belfast for more than 25 years.

Julie Ross, a member of the Concordia Irish Society, is actively involved in the struggle for human rights in Northern Ireland. In Belfast for three weeks last summer, she experienced the violence first hand.

"Nine Catholics were killed while I was visiting," said Ross, "These were people with no political affiliation whatsoever. One man was only 34 years old and the father of four. He was opening up his shop when they killed him."

According to Ross, the shooting was attributed to the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defense Army. Both are Protestant paramilitary groups opposed to the reunification of Northern Ireland, while the Protestant majority wants to remain with Britain.

Ross said she suffered culture shock when she arrived in Belfast.

"The most difficult thing was not being able to walk where you wanted," she said, "There is a gate around Belfast that closes at 11pm. And no one ever walks outside at night."

"I found it hard always having to be so cautious. There are helicopters and guards everywhere. You'd run into people who had lost someone everywhere you went. These are ordinary people. They don't want to live like this," she added.

Even during her visit, there were signs that both sides had had enough of violence and terrorism. She participated in the Time for Peace, Time to Go march that was held in Dublin. In commemoration of the 25-year occupation of Northern Ireland by the British army, it sent a message to London that it is time for the troops to go.

"It was really monumental because many people think those in

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Uniting international and local poverty groups

by Alexandra Guité

New alliances between international and local poverty groups will be the main focus of this weekend's "Fighting Poverty" conference in Montreal.

The event aims to bring together social actors from both southern and northern countries in a three day event this Friday through Sunday, at UQUAM (Hubert Aquin Bldg).

This spring Quebec's poverty problems were underlined when 20 well-known social leaders delivered a letter to the government now known as the "Appeal of the Twenty".

The document exposed statistics showing that North America has the highest rate of poverty among developed nations. Quebec alone has a poverty level of 15.4 per cent and an unemployment rate of 12 per cent. Better education and smaller work weeks were identified as solutions by the group.

Quebec aid groups have started to link problems that attack developed societies to southern countries' social issues. Caught in a destructive pattern of consumption, southern countries have grown impoverished. Yet, in both hemispheres there is a growing separation between a wealthy elite and a marginal lower class, according to conference coordinator Michel Lambert.

At this point, a new solidarity is being forged between North and South on these issues. And in 1995, a U.N. world summit on social development will be held in Copenhagen during which the economic, social and cultural rights of nations will be examined.

"It will be a preparation forum for the Copenhagen summit, dealing with it's three key points, namely the extension of poverty, unemployment and social exclusion", Lambert said. "There has been a historic separation between international and local aid groups. This weekend, we will try to get representatives of all these different organisms together in order for them to understand the great similarities between the issues they deal with—essentially the spread of poverty."

There will be a set of five conferences and two workshops, during which the different aid groups will try to understand each other's methods of work in the context of poverty and establish grounds of solidarity between the North and South.

"We do not expect to solve the great world problems," says Lambert. "But if we can just get these group to identify the problems that they share and learn to collaborate, the event will have a positive outcome."

The fee for the whole weekend is 25$, 10$ for students.

Blood Inquiry reveals faulty system

by Julie Fortier

Discrimination, insulting compensation procedures and general frustration were some of the issues discussed by witnesses this week at the Commission of Inquiry on the Blood System in Canada.

"The whole system failed terribly" said a young hemophiliac.

Mr. B, as he was referred to during the hearing, was contaminated by the HIV virus through a blood transfusion a few years ago.

The commission, presided by the Honourable Horace Krever, an Ontario Court of Appeal judge, was commissioned by the Committee of the Privy Council in October 1993 upon recommendation of the Prime Minister, then Kim Campbell.

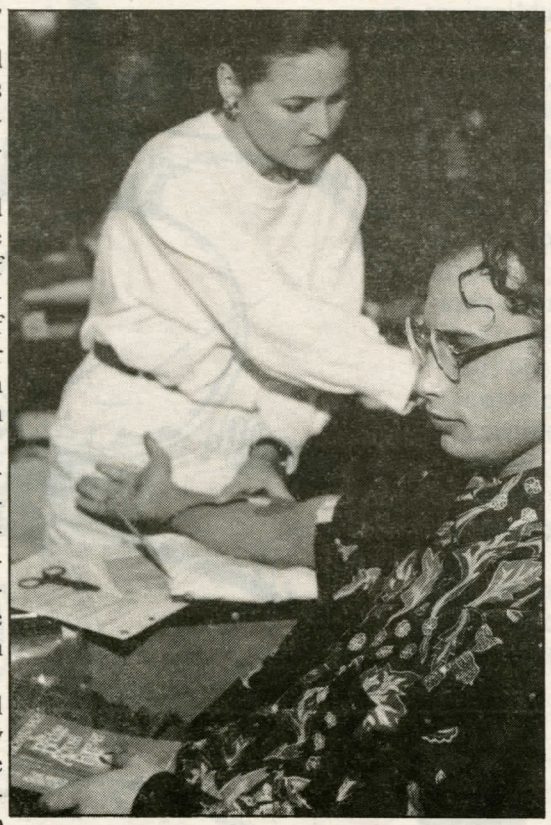
The commission was appointed to "review and report on the mandate, organization, management, operations, financing and regulation of all activities of the blood system in Canada in the early 1980s."

The members of the panel who testified on Wednesday were either infected by the HIV through a blood transfusion or had a relative who was infected.

Mr. B was diagnosed as a child as having mild hemophilia. In the summer of 1982, he suffered four head injuries and had an appendectomy. Due to his hemophilia, he also suffered a joint bleed in the knee and thus had to receive factor- 8 concentrates (a component of blood).

Neither he nor his mother were ever made aware of the treatment he was receiving, nor the risks that might ensue.

Following his blood transfusion, Mr. B developed what was then believed to be Hepatitis B. By 1983, he had lost 30 pounds and suffered



an elbow bleed. According to his doctors, he had to receive more blood. However, Mr. B recently came upon a neurologist's report that mentioned that the elbow bleed could actually have been only a compressed nerve, which puts into question the need for his second transfusion.

In 1985, Mr. B, then 15-years-old, was diagnosed as being HIV-positive.

"I had heard of it [the virus], but it wasn't really part of my life," he said.

Mr. B informed his mother that he had contracted the HIV virus. They were told by the doctors it was nothing to worry about.

"We had no idea of what was to come," said his mother. "It was the beginning of a journey that I don't ever wish upon any mother and son."

Mr. B's condition has been stable since he was chosen as a candidate for a vaccine. But he has been unable to work.

"It is not easy to be HIV-positive in a society like today. I always have to watch what I say."

According to the Canadian Society of Hemophilia, 220 hemophiliacs in Quebec have been infected by the HIV virus due to a blood transfusion.

Other members of the panel also gave touching accounts of their experience as an AIDS victim or a relative of an AIDS victim.

Ms. C's father contracted the virus through post-operative blood transfusions after a heart surgery. Her father received the transfusion in 1985 but was diagnosed HIV-positive only in 1989. By that time, her mother had also been infected.

Ms. C spoke of the insulting manner in which the compensation procedures were conducted. She said that the document and the agreement were very complex and quite inappropriate. She also found that lawyers knew very little about the agreement.

"It was adding insult to injury," she stated.

A 69-year-old Victoriaville woman whose husband also contracted the virus through blood he received following a heart surgery, also denounced the slight compensation she and her now deceased husband were given.

"I was infected by my husband but I am still a victim because of them," she said. "I am supposed to receive 20,000$ in 1996. I just hope I won't be dead by then."

According to Jeff Coat of Aids Community Care Montreal, 800 to 1200 people have contracted AIDS through a blood transfusion in the province of Quebec alone. However, he says these numbers are very approximate because "a lot of people may have the disease and not know it because it has not been detected yet."

The Commission of Inquiry has been holding provincial hearings since February 1994 and will be holding national hearings in January 1995.

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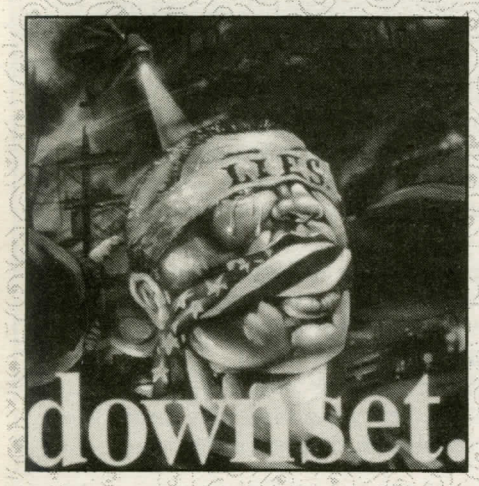
Downset
Downset
Mercury Polydor

by Rob Ferraz

Hot damn! This record is just chock full o' street credibility, crunchy guitars, and some of the angriest lyrics this side of **Rage Against the Machine**. But according to their press release "Downset makes Rage Against the Machine look like **Nelson**", so I guess that means they're even angrier. The members of Downset grew up in L.A., where the "hood is the toughest part". Growing up in all that toughness has made these dudes angry and they want you to hear about it. They're angry about racism, sexism, misogyny, homophobia, etc, and they wanna be in yo'face about it!

So they put out this album made up of ten explosive songs, the first of which is coincidentally called *Anger*, and their mission is to "make a difference and have a positive impact on our culture through music." The members have all "been active in the L.A. hip hop, punk, straight edge, hardcore and graffiti art scenes. Their punk and hardcore influences didn't seem to make it into the musical content of this record, although they did get the tempestuous lyrics down right.

Lyrics like "*Damn right, I hate L.A. swine with a passion G! Cuzz my pops was killed by the fucking L.A.P.D.*", are staple foods on this platter of angst. Very similar to Rage Against the Machine with hints of **Quicksand** and **Soundgarden**. Likely candidates for the Judgement Night 2 soundtrack, if and when there is one in the making. If you enjoyed the Judgement Night's soundtrack, then chances are you'll be down with Downset!



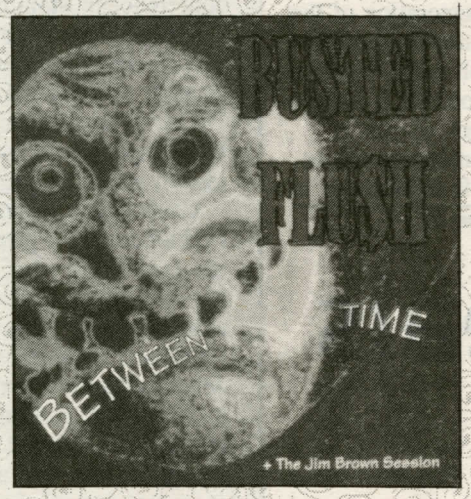
Various Artists
The Glory of Gershwin
Mercury Polydor

by Douglas Scott

Just when you thought that the music industry had finally got over its desire to recycle old tunes along comes *The Glory of Gershwin*. I was jaded. I was cynical. Not another tribute album, hadn't the Sinatra Duets farce taught anybody a lesson?

Apparently so, this album has been thoughtfully arranged and produced by **George** "the fifth Beatle" **Martin**, who treats the material with the reverence it deserves. As the liner notes point out, the whole project is centered on the still talented harmonica of **Larry Adler** whose eighty year-old lungs accompany a host of today's most popular voices, like **Peter Gabriel, Lisa Stanfield, Sting, Elvis Costello, Kate Bush, Robert Palmer** & **Sinead O'Connor**. How can you not love Adler?

Despite being wrongly blacklisted as a communist in the fifties, the man single-handedly took the harmonica and raised it's stature from that of a novelty item to an expressive and emotional instrument. To all of you non-believers, check out the last track on the CD, *Rhapsody in Blue*. Only someone with ice-water in their veins would not be moved. All this praise is not to say that this undertaking is flawless (**Jon Bon Jovi, Chris DeBurgh, Cher & Elton John**) but there has yet to be an album of this sort that does not have some mind boggling choices. All is forgiven, for the majority of the contributions are of stellar quality. A word to the wise, not to discount this album, but go check out some of the originals of both Gershwin and Adler. You may just be surprised at what you find. It might also help bridge the generation gap.



Busted Flush
Between Time & The Jim Brown Sessions
Vertigo/Polygram

by Nathan Whitlock

Despite the ubiquitous lip-service paid to never judging a book by its cover, first impressions based on superficialities remain the norm.

Observe the plight of those poor anti-racist skinheads, surely victims of a nasty praaeceding reputation. It is oddly revealing that when confronted by a gaggle of six-foot, bald-headed goons in boots and bombers, most of us do not immediately think of inviting all to an intimate bistro for cappuccino and some get-to-know-ya.

Observe, as well, the case of Toronto's **Busted Flush**. Burdened with such a pea-brain moniker, and cover artwork barely worthy of the indiest of indies, there is little reason to suspect that the music contained within is compelling. That this was recorded at Dinner is Ruined's Gas Station studio, and that Busted Flush's mastermind, **George Rieneke**, is a cohort of **Alex Chilton** helps a little, but not much.

No, this is an album that resists pre-conceived notions and demands to be listened to. A close, musical kinship with **The Velvet Underground** and **Big Star** is easily detected, but only in the spirit, rather than the actual approach. Busted Flush co-opt basic musical structures, not for the sake of simplicity, but to warp them to their own liking. They don't avoid clichés, so much as choose the right ones and revel in them: squalls of feedback and 'found sounds' bubble up beneath thumping, country-laden dirges.

Were everyone to follow the moral of *Creole*- the ugly dragon who turns out to be friendly, if a bit of sap - then Busted Flush would do much to eradicate the bad taste left by The Tragically Hip, Junkhouse, and the like.

A cheap wa & heard by

by Jennifer Hollett

While the mainstream mass media continues to dominate the communication channels, there are many loopholes where a dedicated independent publisher can make a difference.

The freedom of the press belongs to those who own it. This includes independent magazines referred to as zines; homemade publications that are put out for love and communication rather than money.

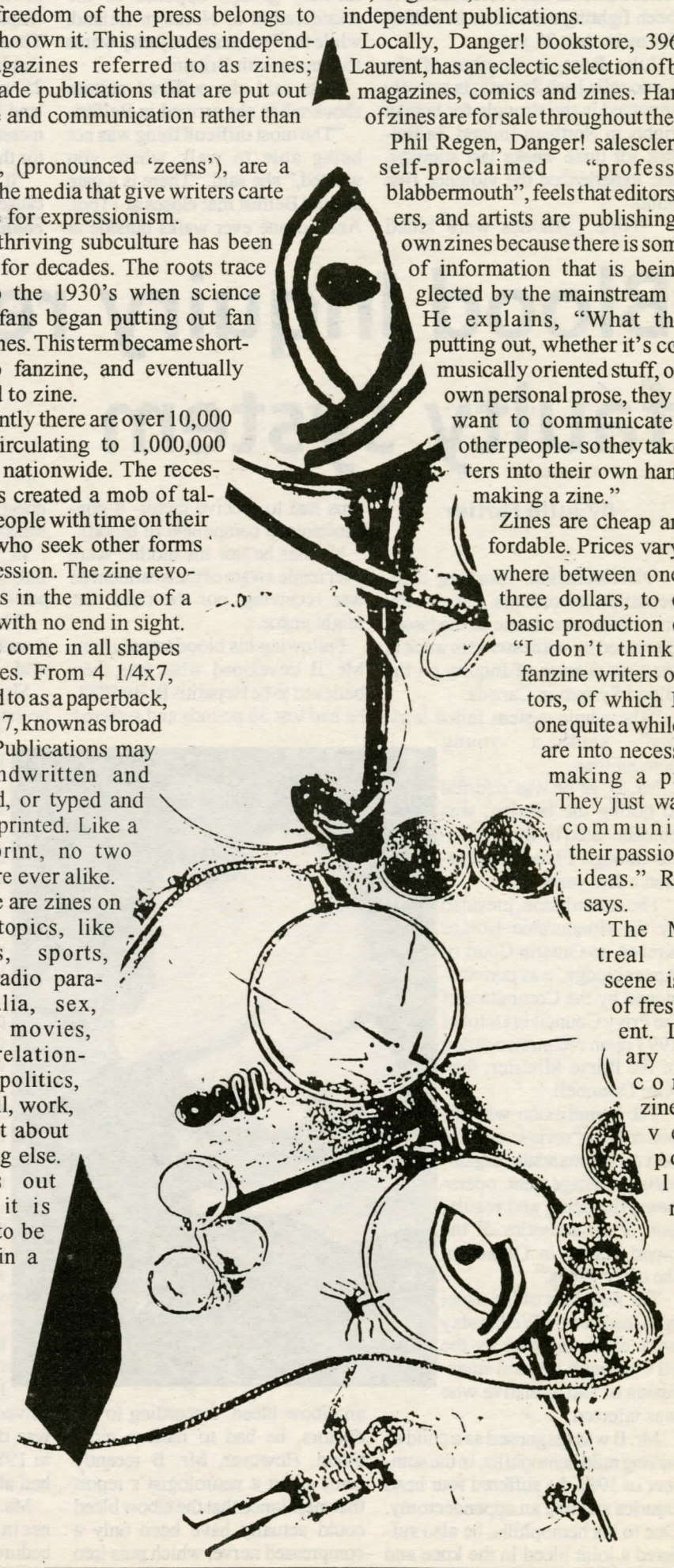
Zines, (pronounced 'zeens'), are a part of the media that give writers carte blanche for expressionism.

This thriving subculture has been around for decades. The roots trace back to the 1930's when science fiction fans began putting out fan magazines. This term became shortened to fanzine, and eventually reduced to zine.

Presently there are over 10,000 zines circulating to 1,000,000 readers nationwide. The recession has created a mob of talented people with time on their hands who seek other forms of expression. The zine revolution is in the middle of a boom, with no end in sight.

Zines come in all shapes and sizes. From 4 1/4x7, referred to as a paperback, to 14 x 17, known as broad sheet. Publications may be handwritten and xeroxed, or typed and colour printed. Like a fingerprint, no two zines are ever alike.

There are zines on many topics, like comics, sports, food, radio paraphernalia, sex, travel, movies, gay relationships, politics, road kill, work, and just about anything else. If it's out there, it is bound to be found in a zine.



Most zines are hard to find from any mainstream source, and that is why the scene is so underground. Alternative music, magazine, and book stores house many independent publications.

Locally, Danger! bookstore, 3968 St. Laurent, has an eclectic selection of books, magazines, comics and zines. Handfuls of zines are for sale throughout the store.

Phil Regen, Danger! salesclerk and self-proclaimed "professional blabbermouth", feels that editors, writers, and artists are publishing their own zines because there is some sort of information that is being neglected by the mainstream press. He explains, "What they're putting out, whether it's comics, musically oriented stuff, or their own personal prose, they really want to communicate with other people- so they take matters into their own hands by making a zine."

Zines are cheap and affordable. Prices vary anywhere between one and three dollars, to cover basic production costs. "I don't think any fanzine writers or editors, of which I was one quite a while ago, are into necessarily making a profit. They just want to communicate their passion and ideas." Regen says.

The Montreal zine scene is full of fresh talent. Literary and comic zines are very popular right now.

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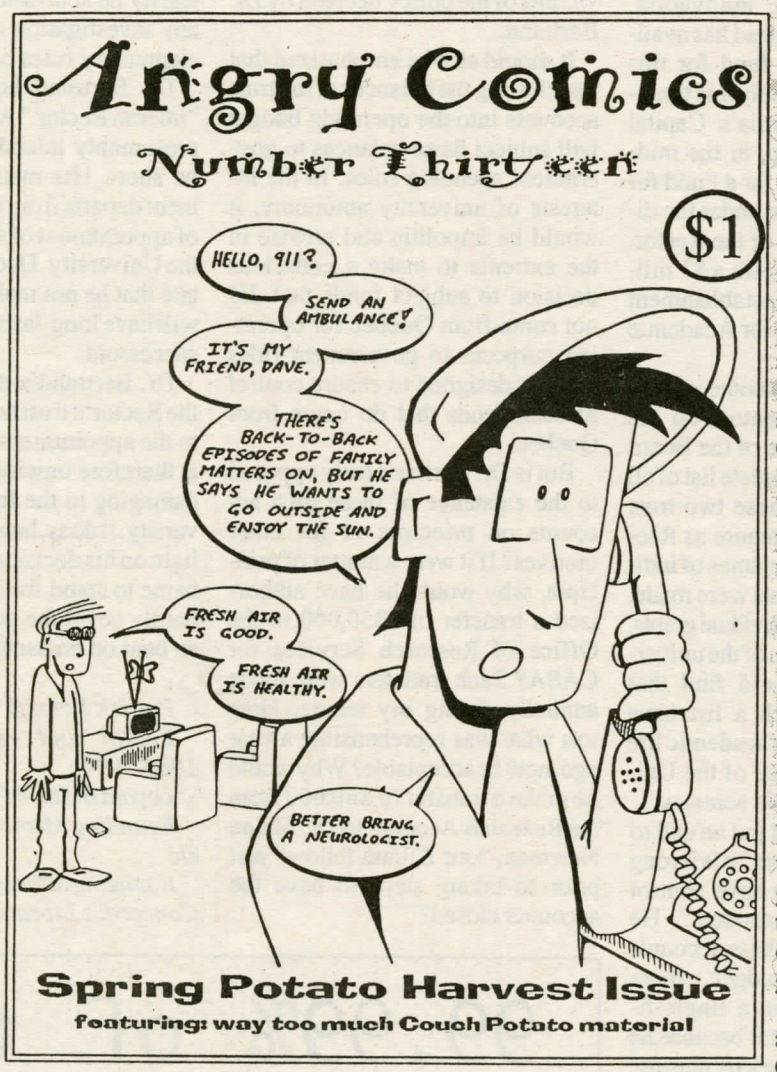
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Spring Potato Harvest Issue
featuring: way too much Couch Potato material

For example, ***Super Socco*** is a small personal zine with a cover made out of a Corn Flakes cereal box. It contains "0 calories and 100% fibre" and can be purchased for only one dollar. *Super Socco* has clusters of short but sweet reflections and stories by **Judy MacInnes**. Thoughts on southern accents, hard candies, and clinking glasses are displayed on bright colour sheets of paper held together by one staple.

Another variation would be ***Angry Comics***, number thirteen. It features "way too much Couch Potato material." This comic zine is a collection of comics by artist **Shane Simmons**. This publication also contains dashes of personal information about Shane, like that he has made a list of every movie he has ever seen stored away in his closet (2415 to date). This issue is a great way to brighten anyone'sday with some good, sincere giggles. *Angry Comics* is a mere, shiny loony.

Oralpalooza, as outlined in the inside cover, is "the as-official-as anything-involved-with-Lollapalooza-could-be-anthology of the 1994 Lollapalooza Montreal spoken word stage." For anyone that missed Lollapalooza this year, this zine is the perfect opportunity to catch up on any missed assignments. The cover art is an abstract face with a lip made out of a black strip of sandpaper. As well, each copy is personally kissed with red lipstick. Fifty-two pages of French and English poems from local Montreal writers, available to any interested reader for three dollars.

Fomanews, printed on eye-straining fluorescent pink paper, is Montreal's monthly techno guide. This zine is distributed at raves and techno music shops, free of charge. It lists upcoming events, charts, music reviews and what not.

Also available is ***Factsheet Five***, a zine catalogue containing ads, reviews, and mailing/ordering information for every type of available zine. This zine has been referred to as the bible for zine enthusiasts. *F5* lists several hundred zines each issue, and circulation is around 13,000. Seth Friedman, current publisher, makes enough money from *Factsheet 5* to pay a San Francisco rent. Issue no.52 is now on sale for $4.95.

Zines are expanding an expanding revolution in print media that reach millions of readers with a unique sense of creativity, intellect, and inspiration. The majority of zines start out with the realization that one need not be manipulated by the media, but instead become the force behind it. Zines are the most sincere form of media around, created and produced for the love of journalism. A love that may not be as easily recognizable in any homogenized magazine.

SPINS

Salvador Dream
Ur
Wea/Warner

by Jon Richler

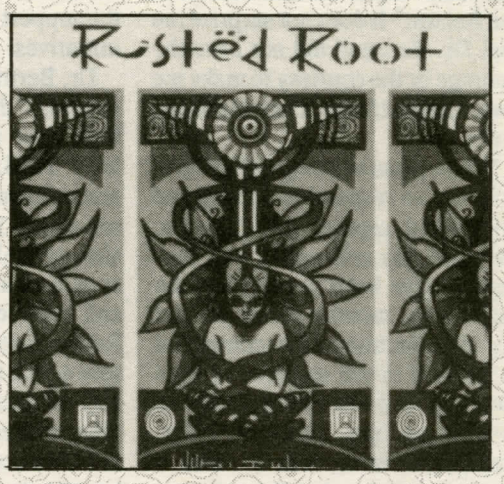
Slip it out, pop it in, instant gratification. Adjust your headset, please, to absorb punch-riffs, tight rhythms, and snare drum whams pitched *just* below ouch. **Salvador Dream** assembled in Edmonton, and reaped success in 93 with their first EP. *Ur* is their follow up and first label release, and shows promise. Crammed with catchy riffs that just won't leave you alone, and rhythms that periodically hop onto other time sequences, make sure you pay attention or you'll lose track of their song writing brilliance.

Naming one's album after an ancient Chaldean city in Babylon will ensure a great topic of discussion for those back stage groupies, but right now, let's draw a comparison. Picture the city of **Helmet**, with a mighty ziggurat in the center. Their glorious power reaches far and wide over the empire of the Power Driven Groove-Rockites. As time goes by, the city is invaded by the Salvadorians, who bring with them change in the form of gentler lyrics, more variety (yet cohesive with the snare) in song structure, and a conversion of the ominous groove into a naked roll in the gravel pit.

They conquer, yet let the ziggurat remain, as a symbol of what has gone before them. Okay Sherman, get out of the Wayback Machine.

Surefire hits on *Ur* go to *Black*, a slower track that dwells on nostalgia, since the future is bleak, and *Brain*, a divine musical jaunt that clearly shows guitarist **Russ Klyne**'s worship of **Charlie Parker** and **Miles Davis**.

Of interest is the steady decline of energy as you listen to the album in full. As if the band sees the need to ease off the hard edge for a bit. You hear their acoustic side, focus on the lyrics, and then comes the standard secret track, which (keeping to standards) is a cacophony of noise-riffs ideal to dent your forehead with.



Rusted Root
When I Woke
Mercury Ploydor

by Jim Cottam

For all those who find the continuous onslaught of annoyingly loud vocals or screaming guitar riffs to be a little depressing, **Rusted Root** is a welcome change of pace. Congas, Flutes, and yes, even a harmonica contribute to give their sound a truly international feel. Surprising, I feel, for a band that has developed in an American iron and asphalt (Pittsburgh) gridlock.

What is different with RR over mainstream bands is the near absecve of a heavy electronic element. This omission is summed up perfectly in the title of one of their songs: *Back to Earth*. It certainly adds a natural feel and other songs such as *Drum Trip* and *Cruel Sin* testify to that fact.

The lyrics are well written and completely understandable in most of the songs. One could get by without liner notes with this band, something of a rarity these days. Overtones of economic and social problems in society are throughout, but they didn't drown out the artistry of the sound, but instead add to the validity to the songs. In other words, they aren't pointless, but make you think without worrying if **Bruce Cockburn** was in the recording studio.

Originally formed in 1990, RR began with four members and has since grown to seven, all bringing their distinctive flair and style. Says **Jenn Wertz**, who does backing vocals and percussion, "We don't want people to identify with us as inividuals. We're trying to build a unified whole". With that they've succeeded. Anyone tired of the norm these days would be wise to check them out. You're most likely to be pleasantly surprised.

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"Dr. Bertrand's letter, both in what it contains and in what it implies, is unworthy even of its author." charges former Rector Patrick Kenniff

I was recently made aware of an open letter to the Concordia University community circulated by Dr. Charles Bertrand on 29 August 1994 in which he alludes to his recent "discovery" of two discretionary accounts "under the sole control of the Rector." It does not surprise me that Dr. Bertrand did not have the courage or the courtesy to make me aware himself of the contents of this letter.

While it has been my policy up to now not to respond to second and third-hand reports of what Dr. Bertrand, his colleagues and supporters have been saying over the last several months about me and my administration, I feel compelled to respond in this instance to what clearly is, and was intended to be an attack on my integrity. Dr. Bertrand's letter, both in what it contains and in what it implies, is unworthy even of its author.

The two "discretionary accounts" he refers to are two trust accounts entitled "Special Projects" and "Research", established several years prior to my accession as Rector in 1984. Funds for these accounts, as I understand it, came from a variety of sources: funds from research councils to the Rector of the University for use by him, at his election, for research and institutional purposes; and the balances of various inactive or closed trust accounts within the University. With respect to amounts coming from the research councils, it is worth noting that, as a matter of general policy, similar funds were made available to the executive heads of all other Canadian universities having significant research activities.

Expenditures from these two funds were authorized by the Rector, on the basis of requests for funding received from members of the University community. In the case of the Research account, funds were generally used to support research activities, the development of new academic programmes and the support of innovative academic initiatives.

Dr. Bertrand claims that he "discovered" these accounts when he took over the Rector's Office in May 1994. Rather than stumble across them as he would wish readers of his letter to think, he was already well aware of their existence, both as Vice-Rector, Services and member of the Office of the Rector since 1991, and during his seven-year term as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science. He, like other academics and academic administrators at Concordia, was a beneficiary of support for projects in his Faculty or in his sector. Most recently, I recall committing a sum of $25,000 to Dr. Bertrand from the Special Projects account to fund an analysis of Concordia's real estate holdings by the accounting firm of RCMP, with a view to preparing a number of development projects, including plans for new student residences. Dr. Bertrand had no provision for the funds in his operating budget. As there was some urgency to proceed with the study, I made funding available to him from the trust account, rather than have him wait a full year until the amount could be included in his operating budget. In this light, it is more that curious that Dr. Bertrand should now state that expenditures from these accounts were improper.

He also affirms that it is wrong for the Rector to have at his or her disposal any discretionary funds for the support of academic activities within the University, or other activities linked to the development of the institution. I unequivocally repudiate this affirmation. In most Canadian universities, it is considered normal that the executive head of the university have at her or his disposal, a budget to support initiatives of an innovative nature that could bring honour and repute to the university. Many North American universities have Presidential funds for academic innovation, where the executive head has available an endowment fund for this purpose. It was precisely this thinking that led Concordia's Capital Campaign leadership, in the mid-80's, to seek support for a Fund for Academic Innovation under the direction and auspices of the Rector. Seagram responded with a $1 million donation for the establishment of the Seagram Fund for Academic Innovation.

Indeed, I would welcome it if Dr. Bertrand and his mentors on the Executive Committee of the Board were to publish a complete list of all expenditures from these two trust accounts during my tenure as Rector, together with the names of individuals to whom grants were made, and the amounts of individual grants. I expect that members of the university community would find that expenditures on such a list have served to enhance the academic life and community image of the University, rather than the contrary.

Dr. Bertrand would put an end to all of this, as he believes "it is wrong for any individual to have control over discretionary accounts". He proposes to collapse these accounts into the operating budget, where they will disappear in a single financial year. Why? Is it because he wishes to make his mark by putting, at all costs, a significant, one-time dent in the University's accumulated deficit? Or is it because there are extraordinary expenses associated with the putting in place of the current administration which need to be covered without showing the Québec government and the auditors a negative balance sheet? Or again could this decision be related to Dr. Bertrand's and the Executive Committee's view of the Rector's diminished role in University governance?

As a result of Dr. Bertrand's announced decision, the new Rector and all subsequent rectors will have no financial leeway to support any initiatives, academic or otherwise, in the University. This will put the new Rector at a distinct disadvantage with respect to his or her colleagues in other Canadian universities, and will further reduce the already narrow authority of the position. For some, such as Dr. Bertrand and his mentors, this may be a desirable end, but for the many individuals and groups in the University who have received funds from the Rector's trust accounts over the years and have used these funds to help develop and improve the status and image of the University, this will be a sad day indeed. Scholarly publications, seminars, academic conferences, research projects, student initiatives: all of these will be victims of the policy decreed by Dr. Bertrand.

It should also be emphasized that transferring the balances of the trust accounts into the operating budget will subject these balances to government spending rules. In the interests of university autonomy, it would be impolitic and unwise in the extreme to make a conscious decision to subject funds that did not come from Québec for operating purposes to government rules that are designed to ensure control of such funds that do come from Québec!

But is Dr. Bertrand truly opposed to the existence of these trust accounts on principle or for other motives? If it were a matter of principle, why would he have authorized a transfer of $350,000 to the Office of Research Services for CASA? Such transfers were made annually during my tenure. How can what was reprehensible a year ago, now be acceptable? Why would he make a transfer of $60,000 from the Research Account to Dr. Elaine Newman, "our Killam fellow" just prior to taking steps to have the accounts closed?

If indeed Dr. Bertrand and his mentors on the Executive Committee have ordered an investigation into past expenditures from the Rector's trust accounts, I welcome it, as long as it covers expenditures made through the whole life of these accounts, up to and including Dr., Bertrand's tenure. It also bears saying, given recent experience and the manner in which Dr. Bertrand has publicized his intentions to everyone except the person whose integrity he scurrilously attacks, that any investigation must respect the elementary rules of natural justice.

Dr. Bertrand holds the title of "Interim Rector." As such, the Board presumably intended his tenure to be short. His method of appointment departs from the normal mode of appointment of senior officers of the University. Decency would dictate that he not make decisions that will have long-lasting impact on his successors.

Dr. Bertrand's decision to close the Rector's trust accounts just prior to the appointment of a new Rector is therefore unwise, premature and damaging to the future of the University. It does, however, shed some light on his decision not to allow his name to stand for Rector. he could hardly covet the position he seems so bent on emasculating.

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Federal government proposing to eliminate transfer payments

studentcould pay quadruple what they pay now

by Ryan Nakashima

OTTAWA (CUP) —Students could be paying more than quadruple the tuition fees they are paying now by 1996 if the federal government follows through on a proposal to eliminate transfer payments to the provinces.

According to the draft of a discussion paper to be officially released Oct. 3, the federal government is discussing plans to eliminate the entire $2.3 billion education transfer payment to the provinces.

Franois Dumaine of the National Anti-Poverty Organization (NAPO), the national lobby group that first obtained the draft, says the provinces will not be able to make up the shortfall, passing the costs onto students.

"The government is looking at totally redefining its role," Dumaine says. "It's a move from the government to privatize education."

The main reform outlined in the paper encourages "personal and family investment in learning."

Louise Carriere, spokesperson for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), which also received a copy of the draft, says she fears the federal government will attempt to replace its funds to education with a voucher system to each student.

She says this might amount to an individual loan for what would be the cost of tuition without federal subsidies.

No replacement for provincial governments' lost funds was discussed in the paper, besides suggesting a "more comprehensive approach to student assistance."

"Students might be facing $10,000 in tuition per year," Carriere says, "Then they would have to turn around and get a loan."

The CFS also opposes the draft's proposal of creating an income-contingent repayment loan system, in which the borrower pays back the loan through a percentage of his or her income after graduation.

Dumaine of NAPO agrees that students may face higher tuition and larger loans.

"It will become like a mortgage that you look at taking 20 to 25 years to repay," he said.

In February, Martin's federal budget froze transfer payments for welfare and education programs for three years at their 1993-94 levels. But the discussion paper is suggesting deeper cuts.

Options for reform in the paper include:

* terminating cash transfers in 1996-97; or,

* reducing cash transfers by $600 million starting in 1996-97; or,

* phasing out cash transfers more gradually over a period of several years.

Debora Brown, a spokesperson for the federal Department of Human Resources and Development, says the final discussion paper may be nothing like the draft paper, which was leaked in August.

"What you have are draft documents, but I can't say if that's in the paper or not," she said.

The CFS, NAPO, other student associations and anti-poverty groups are organizing a campaign against the possible cuts for October, when the federal government will hold public consultations on the final paper. Legislation could come one or two years later.

Part one of a series on upcoming municipal elections

Democratic Coalition-Ecology Montreal

by Derek Fong

Promising major reforms, mayoral-hopeful Yolande Cohen launched her campaign yesterday at the Université de Québec à Montréal.

The Democratic Coalition-Ecology Montreal party claims it is the only party which has the ideas and the will to bring Montreal out of its state of economic and political stagnation.

Cohen, a history professor at UQAM, outlined ten of her party's main principles presented in the "Declaration of the Rights of Montrealers." This list forms the backbone of their platform.

If elected on November 6, Cohen promises that her government will be receptive to the demands of Montrealers. She proposed the creation of "neighborhood councils" made up of local community residents and organizations. These councils would have the power to make decisions on matters pertaining to local issues.

Cohen also promised better government. Her party's policies include the creation of procedures to hear and act upon citizens' complaints and to put an end to what she considers "the current tendency to conceal information from public scrutiny." To this end, she hopes to enact a new, more comprehensive access-to-information policy.

But the DCEM is not only promising a better city through better bureaucracy, it also wishes to enhance Montreal's cultural dynamism.

Cohen's party plans to set aside at least one per cent of the municipal government's budget for cultural activities, and will attempt to convince other levels of government to do the same. She also promises to exempt artists and non-profit cultural groups from business and property taxes.

True to its name, the DCEM also promises various measures to clean up Montreal and to protect the environment.

Cohen plans to establish a city-wide curbside recycling programme for both domestic and commercial waste by 1996, whose aim will be to have 80% of all municipal solid waste recycled by the end of 1998.

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Hemp stores raided in Ontario

by Aubrey Cohen

MONTREAL (CUP) —Stores in Ontario that distribute hemp literature and other hemp-related products were raided last month, with police officers confiscating thousands of dollars worth of merchandise.

For the first time in 10 years, police officers are enforcing a federal anti-drug promotion law. Section 462.2 of the Criminal Code for drug use says that, "Everyone who knowingly imports into Canada, exports from Canada, manufactures, promotes or sells instruments or literature for illicit drug use is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction."

Mike Bourque of Help End Marijuana Prohibition Canada says the recent raids are "harassment, plain and simple...The hemp stores in Ontario are being harassed out of business."

Jeff Pross of 100% Hemp Company in Kingston described the raid of his store, which occurred August 30th, as ridiculous.

"[Officers] came in and took approximately $500 retail worth of stuff. That entails books, including books that are available at the Kingston Public Library. They took T-shirts, cigarette papers, stickers, newspaper articles off my wall, pipes and bracelets."

Pross said he is not promoting the use of illicit drugs. "I've never told anyone to smoke it," he said.

"This all happened contrary to a prior agreement between me and the local police forces," Pross said. "[When we opened,] we paid a lawyer to go to the various police forces, tell them what we were about to do and ask if there was any problem with that. They said as long as we were not selling drugs, there was nothing they could do."

Det.-Staff Sgt. Robbins of the Ontario Provincial Police drug enforcement branch in Kingston refused to comment on 100% Hemp Company's bust, or charges pending.

"I don't want it to turn out like O.J. Simpson," he said.

However, Robbins did say that the "intent for use" provision in the law is the reason why things like rolling paper, pipes and bongs were seized, even though they can be used legally with tobacco.

> *"There is a pattern here...I've never seen anyone smoke [a cigarette] through a bong,"*

"There is a pattern here...I've never seen anyone smoke [a cigarette] through a bong," he said.

Robbins said that literature advocating legalization of hemp and/or marijuana "is a borderline thing. If they're advocating production, preparation or consumption, it's illegal."

He said police had previously not enforced the law because "we have not had a problem here. We haven't had [head shops]; we don't want them."

Pross offers another explanation for the police's sudden interest in hemp stores.

"Maybe we're getting too organized as a legalization movement," he said.

Bob Lazic of Shakedown Street in Kitchener, which has been selling hemp literature for two years, had a similar experience. On August 4, the police officers confiscated $4,000 in books, but they ended up returning them due to an illegal seizure, Lazic said.

He also contacted police before opening his store. "I went right down to the main police station and they said it's all right as long as you're not using [the information in the books.]"

Staff Sgt. Mittelhotz, head of the drug-enforcement division of the Kitchener police, said the material was confiscated because "we had a complaint from a person who found one of the magazines offensive."

Despite pending charges, Shakedown Street is still selling the material that was confiscated and then returned to them.

"When they gave us our books back, they said it's still illegal to sell them and we could get charged again," Lazic said.

But Robbins said it is unlikely the store will be raided again any time soon.

"We don't see the point in laying multiple charges until there is a decision in the courts," he said.

Despite the raid and harassment by police, Lazic is not pessimistic. "It's been helping our business," he said.

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The DCEM also plans to increase the amount of green space in the city by buying up privately-owned property. The party will also increase funding to the management of parks.

In addition, the party will promote alternative modes of transportation. "Rush hour is always terrible," said Cohen.

She cites a number of ways that the traffic and the resulting pollution can be reduced.

The implementation of more and better-placed bus lanes and the creation of more bike paths are ways to deal with these problems, Cohen believes. "The problem is with the cars," she said. "There are too many cars on the road."

Of concern to many students is the price of monthly transit passes. They have been lobbying the Montreal Urban Community Transport Corporation to lower its adult student prices for several years. Although his party supports increased usage of public transportation, Sam Boskey, candidate in the Snowdon riding, would not commit the DCEM to lowering the price of these passes.

"I can tell you personally that I've always been in favor" of reduced transit fares for students over 18, Boskey said. But he added that fare decreases depend on a balanced budget at the MUCTC.

Cohen's troops also plan to clean up the streets in another way.

DCEM's agenda is massive. It promises to tackle Montreal's major social problems, including, among others, homelessness, poverty, unemployment, drug abuse, and prostitution.

Irish Con't

the south have no interest in the north of Ireland. That is completely untrue. At the march there were over 2,000 people who want an end to the violence," she said.

Ross says that those 25 years of occupation, violence and terrorism, can only be understood in the context of Ireland's historical ties to England.

"The Concordia Irish Society tries to educate people about the fact that the war in Ireland is not about religion. It's political," said Ross.

"If you're Catholic, it means you are a nationalist and you want a united Ireland. If you're Protestant, it means you have a loyalist background," she said.

"What you have to remember about the Protestants is that these people's ancestors were sent over from England and Wales to occupy the north," said Ross. "They feel more British than the British themselves. And now they feel abandoned."

According to Ross, when British troops first arrived in Ireland in 1969, they were sent to protect the Catholic minority in the north. Eventually, there was collusion between the army and the Protestant majority.

Ross said that the IRA's rise in prominence during the seventies can be linked to the way in which peaceful protests by Catholics against the Prevention of Terrorism Act were brutally repressed by British paratroopers. The Prevention of Terrorism Act was invoked by the British government in Northern Ireland on August 8th, 1971.

"The Act meant that anyone could be jailed without trial for seven days," said Ross. "You had no lawyer, you had no communication with the outside world, " she said. "You were tortured until you confessed to whatever you did, or did not do. And many people went to prison."

"The people set up a series of peaceful marches [to protest the Act] and during one of them the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC — the legal Northern Irish police force) opened fire on the crowd," said Ross.

"The marches continued until Bloody Sunday in 1972. This is where the IRA became prominent in order to protect the people," Ross said.

The day known as Bloody Sunday was January 30, 1972 when thirteen people were shot dead and many more injured by British paratroopers in Derry, Northern Ireland. Irish Catholics had been demonstrating peacefully for civil rights and an end to internment without trial.

The now well-known Guildford Four were imprisoned because of this act, said Ross.

The Guildford Four were young Irish Catholics wrongfully imprisoned for the bombing of the Guildford Pub in London, England. They were released after 15 years when it was discovered that the British government had known all along of their innocence. They are now the subject of the film 'In the Name of the Father.'

"The Irish Society is hoping to bring Paul Hill and Gerry Conlon of the Guilford Four to Concordia this year," said Ross.

Despite this long history of war in Northern Ireland, Ross remains optimistic. She said, "It's going to be a long negotiation period, but the effort for peace that is being made now is a landmark."

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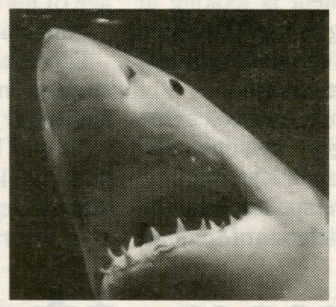

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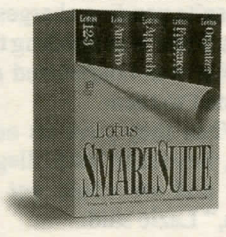

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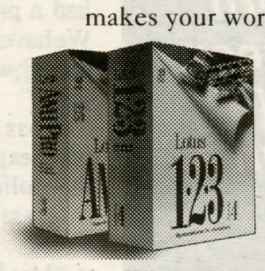

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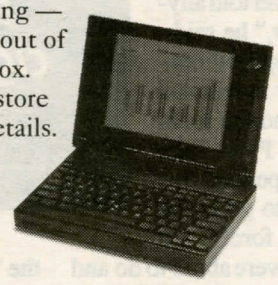

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The women Stingers were defeated 2-0 by McGill as they visited the Martlets' home turf on Wednesday night.

SOCCER TEAM CRIES FOUL

by Conan Tobias

TORONTO (CUP)—A university sports team says it was discriminated against and banned from participating in a University of Toronto soccer league play-off.

Omar Hashil, coach of the team comprised of East African players, is saying the league would not allow the team to play because of its members' colour.

"I think it's an unfair decision that has been influenced by the league co-ordinator to exclude minorities," he said. "We had come out as the best team in the league and we are visible minorities."

Officials say the team, known as the Simbas, was suspended after it was believed one of its players, Ron Belfon, was brought on as a ringer for the play-off games.

Belfon, whose name did not appear on any game sheets during regular season play, was noticed by referee Jim Lefkos, coach of the varsity soccer team.

Lefkos had coached Belfon in high school soccer.

According to Hashil, Belfon had played during the regular season, but under the name Tony Fernandez.

"[Belfon] claims he is playing in several other leagues and he didn't want to have a conflict of interest," said Maurico Dziedzic, the former league co-ordinator.

Dziedzic has resigned his position as a result of the incident.

"In the semi-finals, [Belfon] was one of the best players," Lefkos said. "If you play all summer in a league, you recognize a player, especially one that good. Of all the times I've been here, I've never seen him."

"This is my third year with the league," he said. "Never once have I seen any bias from the referees or anyone. I do not believe that racism is a factor here."

Hashil says the team was given no chance to defend itself at the meeting in which he was informed of the situation. He also says the meeting of the league did not have quorum and that he was denied the chance to appeal the decision made by Dziedzic.

The league play-offs, which were to have taken place in early September, have been postponed until the matter is resolved.

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The women Stingers were defeated 2-0 by McGill as they visited the Martlets' home turf on Wednesday night.

Men's Rugby team needs new grass and more fans

by Steve Knodell

Nothing compares to the pure beauty of a grassy green rugby pitch on a crisp, cold sunny day, boisterous fans pushing on their beloved behemoths slugging it out between clear white chalk lines.

But instead of a field of dreams, last Wednesday's 20-0 loss to archrival McGill was played on a field of nightmares.

Unfortunately for our rugby teams, the caretaker for their field is the football team, which practices five times a week on it.

It was sad to turn around and look at the football field's manicured lawn, and safe looking seats, only ten meters away, and then have to turn back to the pile of mud.

While on the subject of fear, let's talk about the stands, the seats, the safety hazard. At least they finally took away the rotten-to-the-core death planks that you would see rookie fans accidently stand on, and have to jump for their lives. Oh well, so much for entertainment.

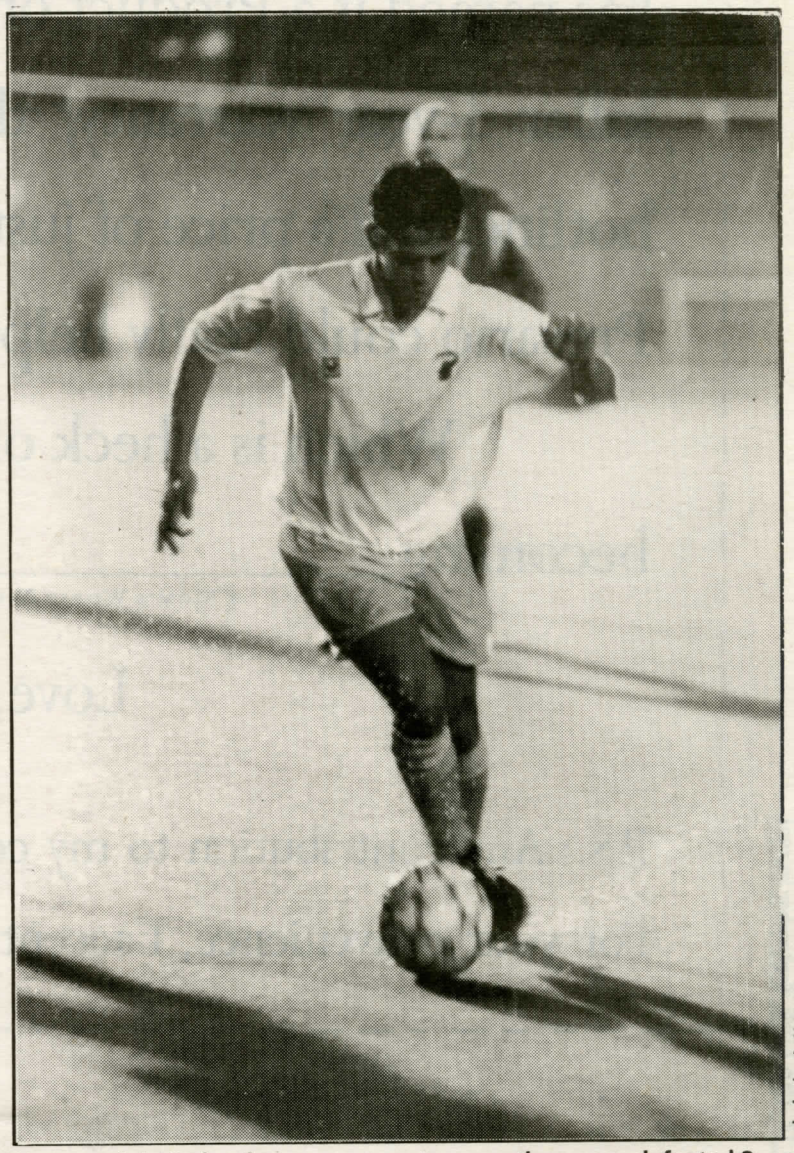
With the sound of rain hitting off umbrellas, and a cow-like murmur from the thirty or so fans echoing in the air, the Stingers and Redmen took to the swamp, with Concordia having the wind and rain in it's face to begin the match.

Neither team had success setting up plays throughout the match. Both relied on kick and chase tactics, with McGill having the better legs, keeping Concordia pinned in it's zone for most of the game.

"Sometimes when you try too hard, you make errors," coach Aguirre was saying after the game. Stingers' offsides early in the match gave the Redmen a 6-0 lead off of two penalty kicks. "When the time is right for us to score, we don't take the opportunity. We lost the game, but the spirit was there."

With an offense that has scored only five points in the last three games, it might take more than spirit to help this team win. A rugby field with grass, stands and fans would be a start.

The Stingers' next home game will be on Sunday, October 2nd, at the Loyola field.



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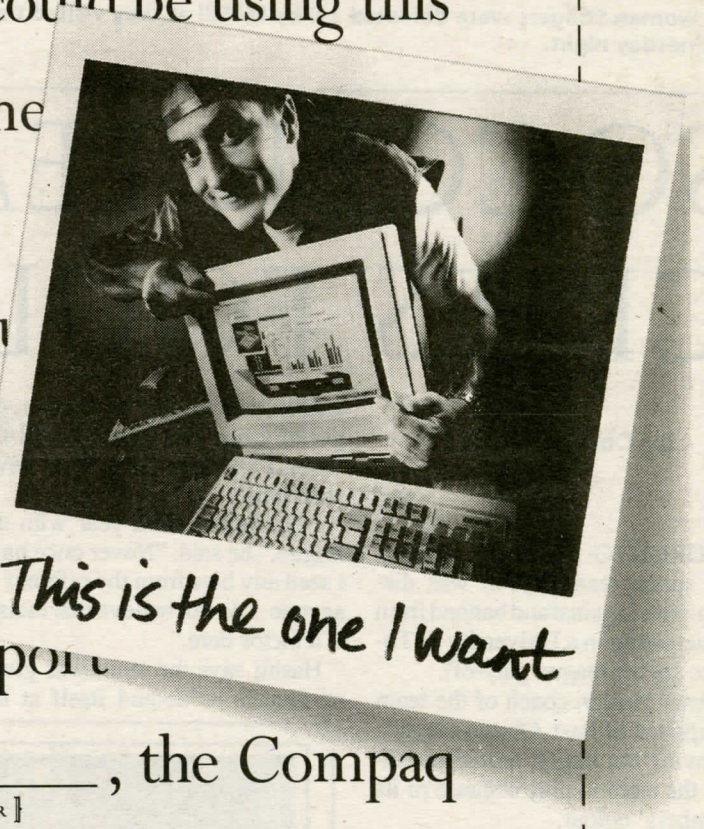

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